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Glacier National Park





Invasive Plant Citizen Science Program Objectives

Train citizen scientists to identify targeted invasive plants and map their locations while hiking in Glacier's backcountry.

Data collected by citizen scientists assist the park with early detection and management.

How to become an Invasive Plant Citizen Scientist

- 1. Complete the Invasive Plant Citizen Science Training.
- 2. Print the Quick Identification Card.
- 3. Complete Invasive Plant Citizen Science Quiz.
- 4. Contact us to let us know you have completed the training.
- 5. Hike Glacier's trails with your own GPS or borrow one from us and let us know what you see (or don't see)!

What are invasive plants and why do they matter?



Glacier National Park is part of the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem, one of the most intact ecosystems in the lower 48 states



Glacier has over

- 1,000 native plant species
- 70 mammal species
- 260 bird species









Native plant communities are the foundation of the ecosystem.

They stabilize the soil and provide nutrients and habitat for wildlife and insects.



Invasive plants threaten the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem and are one of the greatest challenges facing land managers.



A field invaded by St. Johnswort

Glacier National Park developed an Integrated Pest Management program in 1991. The program focuses on managing invasive plants that are considered noxious weeds.

Invasive Plant: A plant growing where it is not wanted.

Even a native plant can be considered an invasive plant if it's growing out of place.

Noxious Weed: Any non-native plant that may render land unfit for agriculture, forestry, livestock, wildlife, or other beneficial uses, or that may harm native plant communities.

State law mandates that any landowner has a management plan for noxious weeds.

Invasive plants decrease organic matter and soil nutrients

• Spotted Knapweed and Houndstongue outcompete native plants by having deep taproots that take up water and nutrients more efficiently.



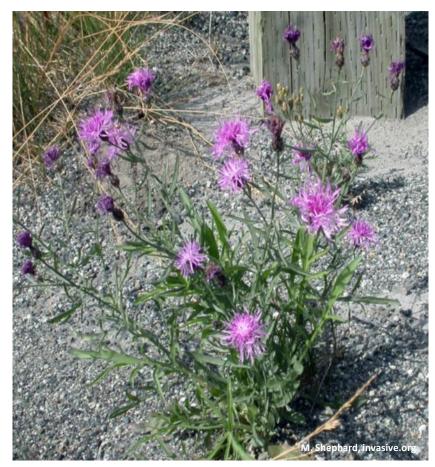
Spotted Knapweed taproot



Houndstongue taproot

Invasive plants decrease native plant diversity

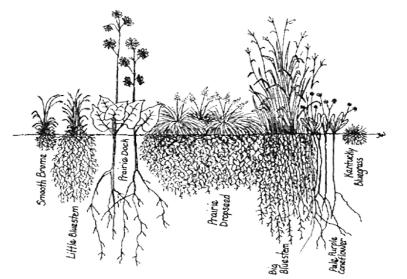
- Some invasive plants, such as Spotted Knapweed, secrete chemicals into the ground through their roots that prevent seed germination of other plant species nearby.
- Other invasive plants
 "choke" out native species
 by forming dense
 vegetation mats.



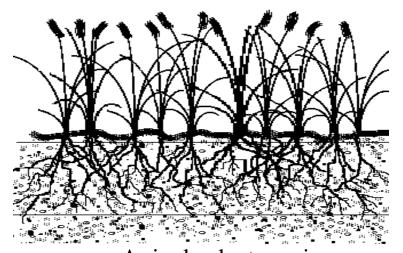
Spotted Knapweed

Invasive plants alter the structure of native plant communities

- In healthy native plant communities a variety of root systems hold the soil in place.
- When a single invasive plant dominates, only one type of root is present. This often leads to soil erosion, which threatens water resources.



A diverse plant community



A single plant species

Invasive plants decrease forage for livestock and wildlife

- Most noxious weeds are inedible to both wildlife and livestock and some are poisonous.
- Large infestations on private and public land where wildlife and livestock feed can severely limit the amount of forage necessary for these animals.



St. Johnswort is poisonous to some mammals

Invasive plants threaten the economy

- Affect recreational value.
- Increase soil erosion and sedimentation.
- Decrease economic value of land and crops.



Eurasian Water Milfoil caught in a boat propeller

Why do invasive plants compete so well?

- Continuous seed production during growing season
- Unique ways of dispersing and spreading
- Ability of seeds to remain dormant in soil
- Adaptation to a wide variety of conditions
- Compete well for soil moisture, nutrients, and sunlight



Houndstongue seeds act like Velcro and cling to clothes and fur



Oxeye Daisy seeds are viable for up to 20 years

Glacier National Park's Invasive Plant Citizen Science Program focuses on 5 invasive plant species



Spotted Knapweed, Centaurea maculosa







Houndstongue, Cynoglossum officinale



St. Johnswort, *Hypericum perforatum*



Yellow Toadflax, Linaria vulgaris

Why focus on these 5 species?

- The Invasive Plant Citizen Science program helps to fulfill Glacier National Park's goal to increase early detection of invasive plants in the backcountry and to help educate community members and visitors about invasive plants that are a threat to Glacier.
- Other non-native invasive species grow in the park but the five chosen species threaten many native plant communities in the park, are easy to identify, and may bloom into the fall.

Spotted Knapweed Centaurea stoebe (formerly C. maculosa)







Spotted Knapweed growth habit and flowers

- Perennial or biennial up to 1.2 meters (4 feet) tall
- Pinkish-purple flowers on branch tips
- Rigid bracts below flower heads have brown triangular tips with comb-like fringe



Spotted Knapweed leaves and stem

- Alternate, deeply-lobed leaves
- Stems and leaves are coarse and covered in translucent resin dots and fine hairs
- A rosette grows the first year and a flowering stem grows the second year







Spotted Knapweed roots and seeds



- Deep, stout taproot
- Roots and crown fragments can re-sprout when disturbed
- 10,000 –20,000 seeds per plant



• Seeds may remain viable in the soil for 15 or more years



Spotted Knapweed habitat



Found in disturbed sites such as fields, roadsides, and other open, sunny areas

Native plant look-alikes

• Blanketflower,

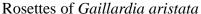
Gaillardia aristata,

rosettes are similar to

Spotted Knapweed

rosettes but flowers are
easy to distinguish







Gaillardia aristata flowers



Symphyotrichum ascendens

• Western Aster, *Symphyotrichum* ascendens, flowers resemble Spotted Knapweed, but are more daisy-like

Oxeye Daisy (Leucanthemum vulgare)



Oxeye Daisy growth habit and flowers



- Perennial up to 1 meter (3 feet) tall, often in dense clumps
- Daisy-like flower heads on the end of each stem branch with a center of yellow disk flowers surrounded by notched, petal-like white ray flowers

 Green floral bracts with brown margins in several overlapping rows



Oxeye Daisy leaves and stem

 A rosette grows the first year and a flowering stem grows the second year



Stem and leaves



Rosette

• Spoon-shaped rosette leaves grow on long, narrow stalks

 Stem leaves are alternate, toothed and lack stalks

Oxeye Daisy roots and seeds

 Rhizomes (underground creeping roots) help the plant form dense and expansive populations

 Seeds are dark brown or black and are viable for 20 years

S. Hurst, USDA-NRCS Plants Database

Oxeve Daisy seeds



Oxeye Daisy rhizomes



Dense clump of Oxeye Daisies

Oxeye Daisy Habitat

 Found in disturbed areas, fields, meadows, roadsides, and forest openings



Oxeye Daisy along the side of a trail

Native plant look-alikes

Native Asters and Fleabanes often resemble
 Oxeye Daisy

Tufted Fleabane,
 Erigeron caespitosus,
 has a similar flower,
 but unlike Oxeye
 Daisy has undivided
 leaf margins



Erigeron caespitosus

Houndstongue (Cynoglossum officinale)





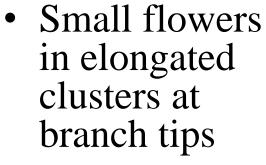


Houndstongue growth habit and flowers

• Biennial or perennial up to 1.2 meters (4 feet) tall



 Reddish-purple flowers with 5 petals united at the base







Houndstongue leaves and stem



- Velvety-hairy stem and leaves
- Leaves are alternate, oval with pointed tips and have entire margins
- Leaves become smaller higher on the stem

 A rosette grows the first year and a flowering stem grows the second year



Houndstongue rosette

Houndstongue roots and seeds

- Large taproots have woody texture
- Velcro-like seeds act like hitchhikers and stick to fur and clothes
- Seeds are viable for 2-3 years







Houndstongue habitat



Shade tolerant;
 prefers open forests,
 meadows, roadsides,
 trails, and disturbed
 areas

Native look-alike

 Oblongleaf bluebells, Mertensia oblongifolia, and other species of native bluebells are native look-alikes that have similar foliage but have more rounded bell-shaped leaves and blue flowers



Mertensia oblongifolia

St. Johnswort

(Hypericum perforatum)







St. Johnswort growth habit and flowers



• Perennial up to 1 meter (3 feet) tall

Five-petaled yellow flowers,
2.5 cm (1 inch) across, with black dots along the edges of the petals

 Flowers in clusters at the top of branches





St. Johnswort leaves and stem



• Stems are rust colored and branch many times near the top



- Opposite, oval leaves, up to 2.5 cm (1 inch) long, lack stalks
- Leaves have tiny transparent dots visible when held up to the light

St. Johnswort roots and seed



- Whole plant turns rusty red at maturity
- Deep taproot and creeping rhizomes

Reproduces by seeds and rhizomes

• Each plant can produce 15,000 –30,000 seeds which are viable for up to 10 years

St. Johnswort habitat

- Found in disturbed areas, roadsides, pastures, meadows, forest openings, and burned areas
- Prefers full sun and drier soils
- Can be poisonous to animals with white fur





Native look-alike



Hypericum scouleri

- A native species of St. Johnswort, *Hypericum scouleri*, is typically found at higher elevations
- It is generally smaller, 10 -19 cm (3.5- 7.5 inches) tall
- Its leaves lack transparent dots



Hypericum scouleri leaves

Yellow Toadflax

(Linaria vulgaris)



Yellow Toadflax

growth habit and flower



- Snapdragon-like flowers on short stalks in dense clusters at top of stems
- Flowers are yellow with a fuzzy orange spot on lower lip and a downward-pointing yellow spur
- Also called Butterand-Eggs



Yellow Toadflax leaves and stem



- Long, linear, narrow leaves attached directly to stem
- Leaves pointed at both ends
- Stem and leaves waxysmooth and pale green
- Leaves and stems exude milky juice when broken



Yellow Toadflax roots and seeds



- Reproduces by seeds and roots
- Buds on the creeping rhizomes become shoots or roots and allow the plant to form large colonies
- Seeds are brown to black, flat and viable for 8 years



Seed capsules

Yellow Toadflax habitat

- Prefers moist rich soils of roadsides, meadows, stream and river banks, forest clearings and disturbed areas
- An aggressive competitor in grasslands and burned areas



Native look-alikes

• The foliage of Western Stoneseed, *Lithospermum* ruderale, is similar but is hairy instead of smooth

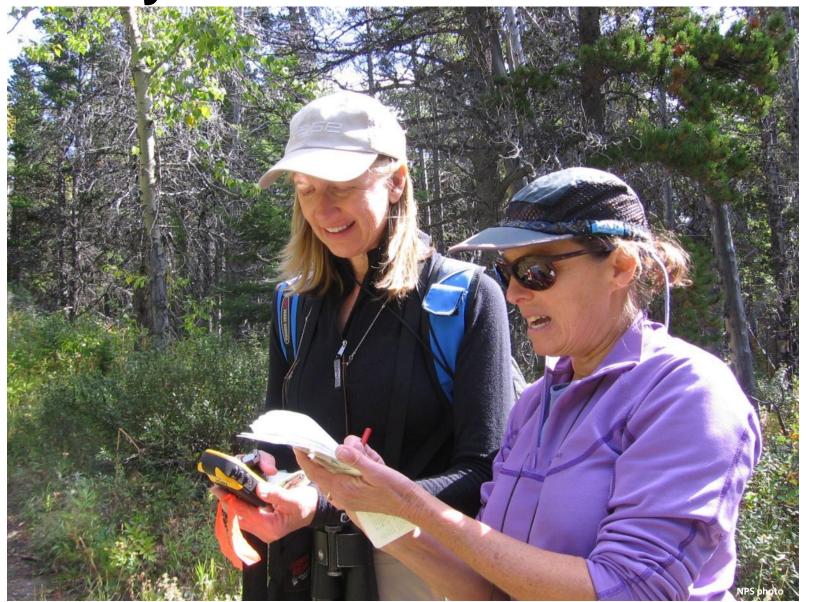


Lithospermum ruderale foliage



Lithospermum ruderale flowers

Conducting invasive plant surveys in Glacier National Park



What you'll need

• Field ID guide or Invasive Plant ID pocket card (on next slide)

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St. Johnswort Hypericumperforans

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Oval leaves with tiny transparent dots

Rust colored stems

Native alpine look alike

Yellow Toadflax Linguigrapies

Yellow flowers with orange center Stems have many narrow, waxy leaves

Pale green leaves, pointed at both ends

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Survey Form

• GPS Unit

Digital camera

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(optional but recommended)

Print out field ID card and/or field guide

Field ID Card

- Click here to open a pdf version of the field ID card
- Print double sided to get a single pocket-sized card

Field Guide Booklet

- Click here to open a pdf version of target species from the Crown of the Continent Invasive Plant Field Guide
- Click here to access a full pdf version of the <u>Crown of the Continent Invasive</u> Plant Field Guide

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- Yellow flowers with black dots at petal edge
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 - Native alpine look alike

Yellow Toadflax Linaria vulgaris

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- Stems have many narrow, waxy leaves
 - Pale green leaves, pointed at both ends

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Houndstongue Cynoglossum officinale

- Red-purple flowers, 5 petals on branched tips
- . Bur-like seeds stick to clothing and fur
- Stem leaves alternating and have soft hair

Spotted Knapweed Centaurea biebersteinii

- Spotted Knapweed
- Pinkish-purple flowers with terminal heads
- Rosette leaves deeply lobed Houndstongu and grayish-green
- Floral bracts with triangular, brown tips and comb-like fringe

Oxeye Daisy Leucanthemonvulgare

- White daisy-like flowers with yellow center
- Leaves with wavy margins
- Stalked basal leaves, stem leaves clasping base



Burs



Leaf

Please help us by reporting location of those plants. Contact the Research Learning Center at glac_citizen_science@nps.gov or 406-888-7986

GPS training

- You can pick up a GPS unit from the Crown of the Continent Research Learning Center. To do so call 406-888-7986 or email Glac_Citizen_Science@nps.gov
- Or you can use your own GPS.
 Make sure to set your GPS to use the datum NAD 83.



How to set your GPS datum

- If you are using a Crown of the Continent Research Learning Center GPS unit
 - The map datum will be set to NAD 83
- If you are using your own GPS
 - First go to the main menu
 - Next get to the Setup page
 - Find the Position tab or Units page (depending on the GPS)
 - Set the Position Format to UTM/UPS
 - Finally, set the map datum to NAD 83
 - Don't hesitate to contact us if you would like help with this!
- To understand more about UTMs click here

How to use GPS units from the Crown of the Continent Research Learning Center

- To turn the GPS on, click on the lower right hand button
- Our GPS units always have extra batteries with them. If the GPS doesn't turn on, change the batteries



How to find the GPS coordinates

• Press the Menu key twice to access the main menu

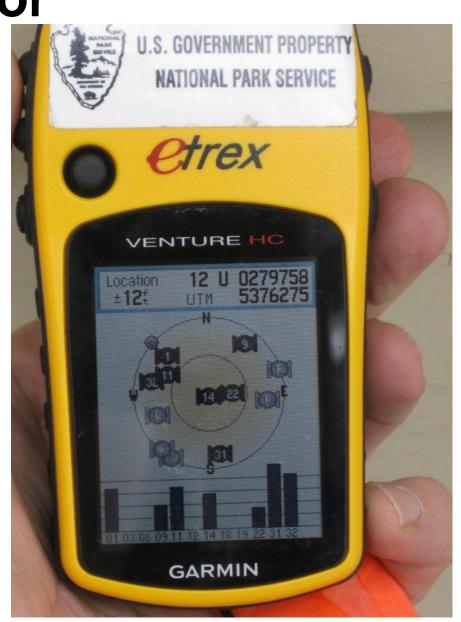
• 'Satellite' should be highlighted

• Press the Toggle/Enter button in towards the face of the GPS to select. The Toggle also moves the cursor up, down, right and left if needed.



Recording coordinates and GPS error

- The UTM easting is the 7 digit number (starting with 0) in the top right hand corner (e.g. 0279758)
- The UTM northing is the 7 digit number below that (e.g. 5376275)
- The GPS error is located in the upper left hand corner underneath the word "Location" (e.g. ± 12 ft)



How to fill out a survey form

1. Record the name of the trail or area you are surveying, the date of your survey and the names of anyone who is involved in the survey. Please complete a separate form for each trail you survey and for each date you complete a survey.

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Recording your survey effort

- 2. Fill in the time at the start and end of your day (i.e. when you left your home/lodging to drive to the trailhead and when you returned to your home/lodging). Please omit any hours that were spent in unrelated activities, such as stopping for dinner on the way etc.
- 3. Fill in the name of the trail hiked, your starting location and ending location.
- 4. Fill in your best estimate of the total number of miles you hiked.

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Recording GPS information

- 5. Fill in the make and model of the GPS unit you are using. If you borrowed a GPS unit from the Crown of the Continent Research Learning Center you can write "Citizen Science GPS unit".
- 6. Select the datum that your GPS unit is using. Refer back to the slide on "How to set your datum" if you are uncertain about this step or contact us if you would like help. This information is very important, so please don't leave it blank.

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Reporting invasive plant sightings

- 7. When you see your first patch of invasive plants, record the species code of any species you can correctly identify (or full name, if a species other than those listed on the survey form.) You can record more than one species per patch if species are interspersed.
- 8. If you don't see any invasive plants during your survey, please complete the survey form by writing "No weeds found" in this area and send it to us. Reports of trails where weeds are not found are very important!

*Note the three additional species to watch for which are found in the booklet of target species from the Crown of the Continent Invasive Plant Field Guide

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(ft)

patch

(ft)

CENMAC CHRLEU browse on invasive plants, etc.)

(y/n)

growth

Reporting infestation size

- 9. Estimate the length of area covered by each species in the patch (in feet). If the patch is too long to estimate, record a beginning UTM coordinate using your GPS unit and record an ending UTM once you have reached the end of the patch.
- 10. Estimate the width of the area covered by each species in the patch (in feet).
- 11. Describe the distribution of each species in the patch by choosing one of the following: scattered (across patch), clumped (2 or more plants growing in clumps); continuous cover (covering all ground); isolated individual; isolated clump.
- 12. Record the number of plants for each species in the patch by choosing one of the following: 1plant, 2-10, 11-20, 21-50, 51-200, over 200.

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GLACI	ER NATIONAL PARK INVASIVI	E PLANT CITIZEN SCIENCE SUR	VEY FORM
Site Name:Bowman Lal	xe Trail Date: _6/10	0/2012 Name of Observer(s):	_Jane Doe and John Doe
Citizen Science Hours (includes da	riving, hiking & survey time): Tin	ne at start of day:9:30 AM	Time at end of day:4:00 PM
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1	CENMAC CHRLEU	5 40	5 10	scattered continuous cover	21-50 over 200						

Recording location information

- 13. Record the UTM easting from the satellite page of your GPS unit (7 digit number starting with 0). Refer back to the slides on "How to find the coordinates" and "Recording coordinates and GPS error" if you are uncertain about this step or contact us if you would like help. Check to make sure you have written all the numbers correctly so that they can be relocated and mapped.
- 14. Record the UTM northing from the satellite page of your GPS unit.
- 15. Record the GPS unit error (in \pm feet) from the satellite page of your GPS unit.

Note example of how to record UTM's for a patch that is too large to estimate length.

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2	HYPPER	Large patch-see UTM's	25	clumped	over 200	start 0279900 end 0279995	start 5376350 end 5376380	±12			

^{*}Additional species to report if you are able identify them

Recording additional information

- 16. Record the stage of growth for each plant in the patch by choosing one of the following: rosette (first year growth of leaves only- no stems), bud (flowers formed but not yet open), flowering, seeding (flowers are drying out and developing seeds).
- 17. Whenever possible, please take a photo of each species (for verification of ID) and a photo of the whole patch. Indicate whether you have taken these photos in the "Photo taken" column, and submit your photos via email to glac_citizen_science@nps.gov along with your survey form.
- 18. Include any comments about landmarks to locate the patch, animal interactions with the plants, or more information about distribution or growth stage etc.

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1	CENMAC CHRLEU	5 40	5 10	scattered continuous cover	21-50 over 200	0279758	5376275	±10	flowering rosette	yes yes	A few CENMAC plant are beginning to seed.
2	HYPPER	Large patch- see UTM's	25	clumped	over 200	start 0279900 end 0279995	start 5376350 end 5376380	±12	bud	yes	The patch is denser on the uphill side of the trail.

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Can I pull invasive plants I find?

- Is it a small infestation of the targeted invasive plant(s)?
- Are you 100% sure that you have correctly identified the plant?

If so, you may hand pull or remove the flowering head.

Please remove all parts of plant (especially if buds, flowers or seeds are present), and carry out in a plastic bag.

Please submit a photo of the invasive plant you pulled to confirm identification, and please indicate on your survey form in the comments section, that you have hand pulled or removed flower heads in that patch.

Submitting completed survey forms and photos

- You can email your completed survey forms and any photos as an email attachment to glac_citizen_science@nps.gov
- Or you can send them by mail to:
 GNP-CCRLC Citizen Science,
 P.O. Box 128,
 West Glacier, MT 59936
- Or you can send them by fax to (406) 888-7903

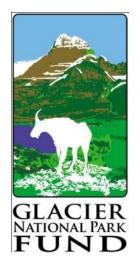
Congratulations!

Thanks for getting involved in citizen science and stewardship in Glacier National Park!

- Click here to continue onto the <u>Invasive Plant Citizen</u> <u>Science Quiz</u>
- Please email glac_citizen_science@nps.gov to let us know you have completed this training.
- Also email or call us at (406)888-7986 if you have any questions or want to borrow a GPS unit.

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